

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-69 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 12, 18, 22, 29, 33, 44, 55 and 65 without introducing any new matter.

The outstanding Office Action objected to Figures 1-35 because of informalities. The Title of the invention was objected to as not being descriptive. The Specification of the disclosure was objected to because of informalities. The Abstract of the disclosure was objected to because of inclusion of legal phraseology. Claims 22, 33, 44, 55 and 65 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) as being in improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 12, 18 and 29 were objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1-69 were indicated as allowable. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the objection to the Drawings, submitted herewith are Letter Submitting Drawing Sheets along with 35 Replacement Sheets for all the Figures 1-35.

In response to the objection to the Title of the invention, the Title has been amended to recite "intermediate image transfer device for a color image forming apparatus" to be more descriptive.

In response to the Abstract and the Specification of the disclosure, the Abstract of the disclosure has been rewritten and the Specification has been amended to correct the noted informalities. In particular, the Specification has been amended to recite "primary image transfer N1" and "secondary image transfer N2" in accordance with Figure 35. The changes to page 21, line 16 find support in Figure 3. Further Applicants respectfully submit that the reference numeral 10 is shown in Figure 1 and 15.

In response to the objections to Claims 22, 33, 44, 55 and 65 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c), the present Amendment amends the claim dependency of Claims 22, 33, 44, 55 and 65. Claim 22 newly depends upon Claim 19, Claim 33 newly depends upon Claim 30, Claim 44 newly depends upon Claim 41, Claim 55 newly depends upon Claim 52 and Claim 65 newly depends upon Claim 62.

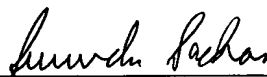
In response to the objections to Claims 12, 18 and 29, these claims are amended to correct the noted informalities.

Consequently, in view of the present Amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-69 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 1-35. These sheets replace all the original sheets.

Attachment: 34 Replacement Sheets